

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

PROCESS TO RIBOFURANOSE SUGAR DERIVATIVES AS INTERMEDIATES TO
BRANCHED-CHAIN NUCLEOSIDES

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A novel process is provided for the preparation of ribofuranose sugar derivatives which are useful in the synthesis of branched-chain ribonucleoside inhibitors of HCV polymerase for the treatment of HCV infection. Also provided are useful intermediates obtained from the
10 instant process.